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**Attachments:** 02282019 Samuel Singangwe (MuckRock News) - Response to Requestor.pdf

Good Afternoon Mr. Singangwe,

In response to your public records request dated and received February 6, 2019, please find attached the total number of police use of force incidents, broken down by type of force used, between 2013-2017 for your records.

Please note the attached document in this email fulfills the request and therefore, is now closed. If you have any problems with opening the file, please let me know as soon as possible.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (714) 548-3237.

Thank you.

**Tanya Ramirez**

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February 28, 2019

Attention: Samuel Sinyangwe  
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Dear Mr. Sinyangwe,

Attached, you will find a response to your records request. The data is from information compiled within our Internal Affairs tracking system called IA Pro.

We genuinely appreciate your interest in our practices and hope this information meets your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Knauerhaze".

Cameron Knauerhaze, Commander  
Professional Standards Unit  
Westminster Police Department

1.) *The total number of police use of force incidents broken down by type of force used between 2013-2017 (separated by year).*

**Type of force tally: 2013**

Type of force	Effective		Not effective		Total #
	#	%	#	%	
Bean Bag Shotgun	1	100%	0	0%	1
Carotid Restraint	1	100%	0	0%	1
Control hold	6	55%	5	45%	11
Distraction Blow	2	100%	0	0%	2
Forced to Ground	5	50%	5	50%	10
Hobble Restraint	5	100%	0	0%	5
Order to Use Force	0	0%	1	100%	1
Pain Compliance	1	33%	2	67%	3
Taser	5	63%	3	38%	8
Verbal Commands	0	0%	9	100%	9

**Type of force tally: 2014**

Type of force	Effective		Not effective		Total #
	#	%	#	%	
Baton/Asp	1	100%	0	0%	1
Bean Bag Shotgun	1	100%	0	0%	1
Control hold	0	0%	4	100%	4
Distraction Blow	0	0%	1	100%	1
Forced to Ground	2	40%	3	60%	5
Order to Use Force	1	50%	1	50%	2
Restraint Chair	11	100%	0	0%	11
Strike with Fist	1	100%	0	0%	1
Taser	4	80%	1	20%	5
Verbal Commands	2	40%	3	60%	5

**Type of force tally: 2015**

Type of force	Effective		Not effective		Total #
	#	%	#	%	
Baton/Asp	0	0%	1	100%	1
Control hold	8	67%	4	33%	12
Distraction Blow	1	100%	0	0%	1
Forced to Ground	16	100%	0	0%	16
Pain Compliance	2	100%	0	0%	2
Strike with Fist	2	100%	0	0%	2
Strike with Leg	1	100%	0	0%	1
Taser	5	50%	5	50%	10
Use of K-9	1	100%	0	0%	1
Verbal Commands	0	0%	8	100%	8

**Type of force tally: 2016**

Type of force	Effective		Not effective		Total #
	#	%	#	%	
Bean Bag Shotgun	1	100%	0	0%	1
Forced to Ground	1	100%	0	0%	1
Strike with Fist	1	33%	2	67%	3
Taser	4	57%	3	43%	7
Use of K-9	2	100%	0	0%	2
Verbal Commands	0	0%	5	100%	5

**Type of force tally: 2017\***

Type of force	Effective		Not effective		Total #
	#	%	#	%	
Baton/Asp	1	100%	0	0%	1
Bean Bag Shotgun	1	100%	0	0%	1
Control hold	22	85%	4	15%	26
Distraction Blow	4	67%	2	33%	6
Forced to Ground	5	100%	0	0%	5
Strike with Fist	0	0%	1	100%	1
Strike with Leg	1	100%	0	0%	1
Taser	4	67%	2	33%	6
Verbal Commands	3	30%	7	70%	10

**2.)        *The total number of people that police used force against, between 2013-2017 (separated by year).***

The total number is 135.

-2013: 26

-2014: 23

-2015: 36

-2016: 9

-2017: 41\*

**3.)        *The total number of police use of force complaints between 2013-2017 (separated by year).***

The total number is 3.

-2013: 1

-2014: 2

-2015: 0

-2016: 0

-2017: 0

**4.)        *the total number of police use of force complaints sustained between 2013-2017 (separated by year).***

-2013: 0

-2014: 0

-2015: 0

-2016: 0

-2017: 0

\*2017 was the first year we started capturing data on any type of control hold.